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FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPROXIMATELY 55 MILION

(Advance data, October 1966 survey)

About 55.1 million persons 5 to 34 years old were enrolled in school or college in the United States in the fall of 1966, according to the results of the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1966 by the Bureau of the Census. This represents 30 percent of the total population in the United States.

Of these, about 32.9 million were enrolled in grades 1 to 8, 13.4 million in grades 9 to 12, and 6.1 million in college (table 1). There were also 2.7 million children in kindergarten excluding those below age 5.

The increase of enrollment in the last 6 years has been 8.8 million, or 19 percent, over the 46.3 million enrolled in October 1960. The rate of increase varied considerably by level of school. During this 6-year period, enrollment increased 70 percent in colleges, 30 percent in high schools (grades 9 to 12), and 8 percent in elementary schools (grades 1 to 8).

The increased enrollment in elementary and secondary schools was due primarily to increases in the population 5 to 17 years old rather than to changes in the percent of persons enrolled.

Table 1.--INCREASE OF FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 5 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL OF SCHOOL, TYPE OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL, AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: OCTOBER 1960 TO 1966

(Numbers in thousands)

Level of school, type of elementary and high school, and age	1966	Increase, 1960 to 1966	
		Number	Percent
Total enrolled, 5 to 34 years old...	55,070	8,811	19.4
Level and type of school:			
Kindergarten.....	2,708	616	29.4
Elementary school (grades 1 to 8).....	32,916	2,567	8.5
Public.....	28,208	2,394	9.3
Private.....	4,707	172	3.8
High school (grades 9 to 12).....	13,364	3,115	30.4
Public.....	11,985	2,770	30.1
Private.....	1,377	344	33.3
College or professional school.....	6,085	2,515	70.4
Age:			
5 and 6 years.....	7,156	718	11.2
7 to 13 years.....	27,895	2,274	8.9
14 to 17 years.....	13,293	3,051	29.8
18 to 24 years.....	5,723	2,556	80.7
25 to 34 years.....	1,003	211	26.6

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Increased enrollment in college and professional schools, however, reflects both an increase in the percent enrolled among persons aged 18 to 34, and an increase in the total population at these ages.

In October 1966, private schools enrolled 14 percent of the children in grades 1 to 8, and 10 percent of those in grades 9 to 12. These percentages have remained relatively constant over the past 6 years.

Enrollment statistics shown in this report refer to the civilian noninstitutional population reported as enrolled in regular public and private schools and colleges by the middle of October, when the Current Population Survey was conducted. The statistics include both full-time and part-time students and persons who were working in addition to attending school. These figures may differ from figures on school enrollment reported by other sources, largely because (1) the Bureau

of the Census collects data by household interview, whereas information from other sources is generally based on reports from school systems and institutions of higher learning; and (2) there are often differences in definitions and time references.

Since the figures presented in this report are based on sample data, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census. The sampling variation may be relatively large for small numbers, and for the increases in numbers between one year and the next. (See Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 158, for approximate level of sampling variability.)

A more complete statement on the variability due to sampling, as well as more detailed information about the fall enrollment figures, will be issued in a later report in this series.

Table 2.--FALL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 5 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL OF SCHOOL, TYPE OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL, AND AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: OCTOBER 1960 TO 1966

(Numbers in thousands. Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded)

Level of school, type of elementary and high school, and age	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
LEVEL AND TYPE OF SCHOOL							
Total enrolled.....	55,070	53,769	51,660	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259
Kindergarten.....	42,708	2,645	2,469	2,340	2,319	2,299	2,092
Elementary school (grades 1 to 8).....	32,916	32,475	31,734	31,247	30,661	30,718	30,349
Public.....	28,208	27,596	26,811	26,502	26,148	26,221	25,814
Private.....	4,707	4,879	4,923	4,742	4,513	4,497	4,535
High school (grades 9 to 12).....	13,364	12,975	12,812	12,433	11,516	10,959	10,249
Public.....	11,985	11,517	11,403	11,186	10,431	9,817	9,215
Private.....	1,377	1,457	1,410	1,251	1,085	1,141	1,033
College and professional school.....	6,085	5,675	4,643	4,336	4,208	3,731	3,570
AGE							
Number Enrolled							
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	55,070	53,769	51,660	50,356	48,704	47,708	46,259
5 to 13 years old.....	35,051	34,445	33,567	32,971	32,285	32,439	32,059
5 and 6 years old.....	7,156	6,995	6,842	6,768	6,651	6,638	6,438
7 to 13 years old.....	27,895	27,450	26,725	26,203	25,634	25,801	25,621
14 to 17 years old.....	13,293	13,033	13,014	12,517	11,740	11,163	10,242
18 and 19 years old.....	3,176	2,930	2,196	2,061	2,144	1,952	1,817
20 to 24 years old.....	2,547	2,360	2,048	2,014	1,725	1,468	1,350
20 and 21 years old.....	1,533	1,378	1,358	1,269	1,070	936	817
22 to 24 years old.....	1,014	982	690	745	655	532	533
25 to 29 years old.....	720	658	559	518	522	456	514
30 to 34 years old.....	283	343	276	275	288	230	278
Percent Enrolled							
Total, 5 to 34 years old.....	60.0	59.7	58.7	58.5	57.8	56.8	56.4
5 to 13 years old.....	96.0	95.9	95.3	95.4	95.2	95.1	95.1
5 and 6 years old.....	85.1	84.4	83.3	82.7	82.1	81.7	80.7
7 to 13 years old.....	99.3	99.4	99.0	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.5
14 to 17 years old.....	93.7	93.2	93.1	92.9	92.0	91.4	90.3
18 and 19 years old.....	47.2	46.3	41.6	40.9	41.8	38.0	38.4
20 to 24 years old.....	19.9	19.0	16.8	17.3	15.6	13.7	13.1
20 and 21 years old.....	29.9	27.6	26.3	25.0	23.0	21.5	19.4
22 to 24 years old.....	13.2	13.2	9.9	11.4	10.3	8.4	8.7
25 to 29 years old.....	6.5	6.1	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.9
30 to 34 years old.....	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.4